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FOR INDUCING THE DIFFERENTIATION OF FIBROBLASTS TO

MYOFIBROBLASTS

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Art Unit: 1647

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97 and

§ 1.98

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Sir:

The reference cited on attached form PTO-1449 is being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the reference is enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no

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representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

Applicant believes that <u>no fee is required</u> for submission of this statement, since it is being submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits per 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3). However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0893. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

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